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District Man Sentenced to 45-Year Prison Term For Sexually Abusing Three Daughters

WASHINGTON - A 37-year-old Washington, D.C. man was sentenced today to 45 years of incarceration for sexually abusing three of his four biological daughters over an approximately five-year period, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. announced.

The defendant, whose name is not disclosed here to protect the privacy of his victims, was found guilty on April 7, 2011, by a jury in the Superior Court for the District of Columbia of 15 counts of first degree sexual abuse of a child with aggravating circumstances, 14 counts of second degree sexual abuse of a child with aggravating circumstances, and one count of incest.

He was sentenced today by the Honorable Russell F. Canan, who called the offenses “monstrous” crimes that “struck the core of all decency.” The defendant is required to register as a sex offender for life. He is to stay away and have no contact with his daughters. And he will be placed on five years of supervised release upon completion of the prison term.

According to the government’s evidence, the defendant repeatedly sexually abused three of his biological daughters over a five-year period. He began abusing each girl when she was approximately 11 or 12 years old. The sexual abuse involved fondling and oral, vaginal and anal sexual intercourse. The defendant frequently used sex toys with one of the victims and various such toys were recovered in secret hiding places inside the defendant’s home. He groomed one of the victims by showing her pornography and telling her that it was normal for fathers to have sex with their daughters in other countries. He repeatedly told his daughters not to tell. The abuse was disclosed when the eldest daughter found out that her father was abusing her younger sisters and that her silence about his ongoing abuse of her had not spared them as she hoped it would.

In announcing the sentence, U.S. Attorney Machen expressed his appreciation to the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), especially Detectives Barbara Johnson-Rauf and Richard Feser, and Mobile Crime Technicians Valerie Campbell, Natasha Pettus, Leather Strong,

and Fred Brown. He also commended the work of Legal Assistant Etta Ford, Paralegal Specialists Cynthia Muhammad and Lynita Greene, Victim Advocate Veronica Vaughan, Forensic Child Interview Specialist Karen Giannakoulis, John Marsh from the Case Investigation Unit, Information Technology Specialist, Thomas Royal, and the Litigation Support Unit. U.S. Attorney Machen especially praised Victim Advocate Melissa Milam, who worked closely with the victims over a long period of time, and Assistant United States Attorneys Sarah McClellan and Cassidy Kesler Pinegar, who prosecuted the case.

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